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CARACAS PRESS CARRIES A REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH COLOMBIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER ALFREDO VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA UPON HIS ARRIVAL
IN VENEZUELA JULY 2. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO
HIM BY THE PRESS WHEN HE RESPONDED TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF COLOMBIA REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH CUBA: QUOTE IN ATLANTA I COMMENTED ON THE NECESSITY OF
REVISING THE PRESENT SITUATION OF CUBA WITH REGARD TO THE
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. TO ME THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA BECAME A LEGAL FICTION LACKING ALL REALITY FROM
THE MOMENT THAT NORTH AMERICAN CONSORTIA BEGAN LARGE SCALE
AUTOMOBILE EXPORTS FROM THEIR ARGENTINE BRANCHES. WHAT WE
ARE DOING IS MAINTAINING A GREAT FICTION IN REGARD TO
CUBA AND WE SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO CONSIDER REALITY
SO THAT WE MAY HAVE COMMERCE AND RELATIONS WITH CUBA.
END QUOTE.
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